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11-km dedicated cycle lanes in city planned

Mysuru, Sept. 5 (RK&BCT)- In a bid to create infrastructure for cyclists to promote eco-friendly, healthy and cheap means of travel, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has come up with a project to create dedicated cycle pathways and has identified 11-km route in the heart of the city. The pilot project has been prepared in consultation with the city Traffic Police.

The 11-km route has been identified within the Krishnaraja Traffic Police limits. The first route is from Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle) to Ramaswamy Circle. The second route is from Ramaswamy Circle to Ballal Circle (Ashoka Circle). The third is from M.N. Jois Circle (MUDA Circle) to Kautilya Circle (near Crawford Hall). The fourth route is from Nijalingappa Circle (Vijaya Bank Circle) to New Kantharaj Urs Road on Vishwamanava Double Road and the last route is from New Kantharaj Urs Road up to Ring Road.

The lane will be laid on one side of the road and a 1.5-metre space will be earmarked as the dedicated cycle lane. The Engineering Division of the MCC is working on how the lane should be demarcated — to use bright paint, or to barricade or put fibre or rubber railings.

On weekends, it is common to see flocks of cyclists in colourful clothes pedalling through the roads. Of late, Mysuru has seen a large influx of young and old residents looking to improve their fitness and moving towards sustainable means of transport. People working in multinational companies too have begun cycling to work too. However, the lack of a cycle track within the city leaves them jostling with two-wheelers and auto drivers who barely provide space for them.

As part of the pilot project, the MCC wrote to city Traffic Police inviting suggestions and ideas for the dedicated cycle lane.

Traffic ACP S.N. Sandesh Kumar has submitted the report along with routes, modalities, traffic density and other aspects. The pilot project will now be placed before the next MCC Council meeting for approval and implementation, sources said.

(See CYCLE on page 7)

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Temple entry timings relaxed

Mysuru, Sept. 5 (SSV)- The Mysuru District Administration has relaxed timings enabling devotees to visit Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill and Sri Srikanteshwara Swamy Temple in Nanjangud with effect from today.

However, the ban on entry of devotees to these two temples would continue on Government holidays and Sundays, said DC B. Sharat, in a press release.

Chamundeshwari Temple, from Monday to Thursday will be open from 7.30 am to 2 pm, 3.30 pm to 6 pm and 7.30 pm to 8 pm. On Fridays and Saturdays, it will be 7.30 am to 2 pm and 3.30 pm to 6 pm. There will be restriction on night darshan every Friday and Saturday.

Sri Srikanteshwara Swamy Temple will be open for darshan from 6 am to 1 pm, 4 pm to 8.30 pm from Monday to Saturday. Permission is granted to devotees to offer all *puja*-related services and they can offer flowers, fruits, camphor and incense sticks only through priests. However, there will be no *Anna Dasoha,* distribution of *prasadam* and *Utsavas* outside temples.

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	776
Total positive cases	:	20,604
Discharges yesterday	:	317
Total discharges	:	13,646
Deaths yesterday	:	11
Total deaths	:	486
Total active cases	:	6,472

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 5th September 2020

Hotel Management Training

Mysuru, Sept. 5- Department of Tourism, under its Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Scheme, is offering free training in the field of Hotel Management for eligible candidates.

Male and female candidates, aged 18 to 35 years, can apply for training in food production, bakery and confectionery, food and beverage service, front office and house-keeping.

Applications can be obtained and submitted along with necessary documents to Food Craft Institute, First Floor, Kannada Karanji Building, Dasara Exhibition premises, Mysuru. On successful completion of training, candidates would get stipend, training completion certificate from Food Craft Institute and Department of Tourism as well as placement assistance to work in reputed hotels.

For details, contact Mob: 63620-18821 or Ph: 0821-2445388, according to a press release.

Indian Air Force recruitment

Mysuru, Sept. 5 -Indian Air Force is conducting recruitment rally for Group X (Technical Trades) posts.

Candidates born between Jan. 17, 2000 and Dec. 31, 2003 are eligible to apply. Candidates must have passed PUC or equivalent examination with Mathematics, Physics and English with minimum 50% marks in aggregate and 50% marks in English or three-year Diploma course with minimum 50% marks in overall aggregate.

Interested candidates, willing to participate in the recruitment rally to be held in Manekshaw Parade Ground, Bengaluru, may log on to *www.airmenselection.cdac.in*, apply from Sept. 8 to 10 and attend the recruitment rally with all necessary documents.

For details, contact District Employment Exchange or Ph: 080-25592199 or 0821-2489972.

Animals adoption continues

Mysuru, Sept. 5- The following individuals / institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee:

Dhanveerah Gowda, Bengaluru - Black Panther - Rs. 35,000; Aasare Foundations, Mysuru - Sarus Crane - Rs. 7,500, Pavan Kirani Nataraj, Bengaluru - Indian Cobra & Love Bird - Rs. 3,000; M.R. Range Gowda and H.V. Nagarathna, Bengaluru - Flamingo - Rs. 20,000; Shiva Sainya, Bengaluru - White Peacock & Green Anaconda - Rs. 13,500; S. Sweekruti, Bengaluru - Scarlet Macaw - Rs. 7,500; Shridhar D. Bhat & Padma Rekha, Mysuru - two Turtles and Love Bird - Rs. 5,000.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

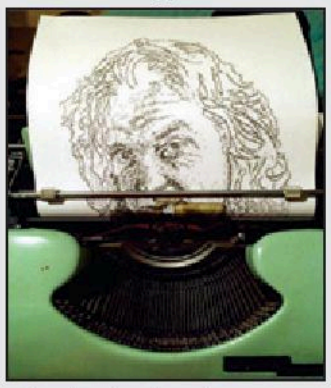
Sending a strong warning to errant employees, Centre has notified new rules to prematurely retire those who complete 30 years of service or cross 50/55 age groups after performance reviews. The move is expected to weed out corrupt and inefficient officers. The complaint about the bureaucracy was that there is no deterrence against poor performance, unlike the corporate world, and Centre's tightening of service rules will have a salutary effect.

Ultimately, the aim must be to cut red tape. But equal care must be taken to ensure that the provisions are not used vindictively against upright officers. Governments must also extend the service and pension rules in the direction of a mandatory cooling off period for all senior employees. Government officers joining private companies immediately after retirement is the pathway to crony capitalism and conflict of interest.

—In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Impressively detailed illustrations with a typewriter



London: A talented young artist is getting a lot of attention for his art works. At only 23 years of age, artist James Cook is already one of the world's premier typewriter artists and looking at his works it's easy to see why.

The young architecture student got into typewriter art about five years ago, after reading about Paul Smith, another famous typewriter artist who couldn't use a pencil or paintbrush to do drawings, because of his severe cerebral palsy. Cook was inspired by the story and intrigued about typewriter art, so he decided to give it a try. It was love at first sight, and after buying his first typewriter from an elderly couple looking to sell up their heap of antiques, James started using it to create illustrations and portraits.

Mysterious 'Fairy Circles' of Namibia

Namibia: While some say that they are footprints of the gods, others believe that they are UFO landing sights. But scientists have their own theories. The truth is that no one really knows how the fairy circles dotting the Namib coastal desert came into existence.

Fairy circles are uniformly distributed round gaps in arid grassland across the Namib which look like polka dots on fabric when see from the air. Until 2014, they were known to only occur along the Namib Desert in southern Africa, but then almost identical formations were discovered near the mining town of Newman in Western Australia. Still, the fairy circles of Namibia remain the most famous and fascinating to the scientists who have studied them since the 1970's. Theories about their formation and purpose abounds, but so far no one has been able to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that theirs is the true answer to this decades-old enigma.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is Apitherapy?

Apitherapy promotes honeybee products for therapeutic use. Raw honey is used to treat burns, acne and sore throat. Bee pollen acts as a protein supplement and an allergy treatment. Propolis lowers cholesterol, and beeswax is used as a burn ointment. Bee venom has been shown to treat many conditions.

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	168
Total positive cases	:	6,300
Total discharges	:	4,142
Total deaths	:	66
Total active cases	:	2,092

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	56
Total positive cases	:	2,581
Total discharges	:	2,051
Total deaths	:	39
Total active cases	:	480

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	44
Total positive cases	:	1,636
Total discharges	:	1,251
Total deaths	:	21
Total active cases	:	364

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	340
Total positive cases	:	9,395
Total discharges	:	6,091
Total deaths	:	199
Total active cases	:	3,105

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Little Johnny and his friend are sitting by a camp fire. They've been plagued by swarms of mosquitoes already for an hour and the assault only worsens when the darkness sets in. Suddenly, fireflies appear. Little Johnny swears: "These darn mosquitoes! Now they've even brought lanterns with them to find us!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.24
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 97.26
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.94
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.71

VOICE OF THE READER

An excellent overview of new Education Policy

Sir,

The article on National Education Policy (NEP) by Prof. G.L. Shekar *(SOM* dated Aug.31) has given an excellent overview of the new education policy. In all of the areas proposed, the effective implementation across the board, at the same rate of progress, is very important. Governance has always been a challenge, so ensuring proper implementation becomes all the more important.

In addition to policy development and regulations, Governments should either include an enforcement wing, or impose legally binding obligations on designated professional institutions to self-police the initial implementation and ongoing monitoring of quality in a transparent manner.

The community commitment is a very interesting issue. In a society with thousands of years of civilisational knowledge, community involvement is a positive, obviously. However, given the diversity of the nation (or even regions), and some elements of cultural mores at a family level, I am not clear how community involvement can be consistent throughout. In some aspects, different foundational upbringing will safeguard cultural traditions and should be encouraged. However, in other aspects — such as gender equality, a concept that is not openly accepted yet in some communities — the community involvement becomes a hindrance. Once again, implementation details will address all this, I hope.

NEP, I believe, is a once-in-several-generations initiative in India and should not be squandered!

—B.R. (Ravi) Ravishankar,
Senior Project Advisor, UN Environment, Ottawa
Canada
1.9 2020

Two including housewife go missing

Mysuru, Sept. 5 (KS)- A housewife and a 15-year-old girl have gone missing in separate cases in city.

In the first incident, a housewife has gone missing from her parents' house and a missing complaint has been lodged at Yelwal Police Station. The missing woman, identified as Sindhu of Chatradakoppal village in the taluk was given in marriage to one H.K. Naveen of Hebbal village in K.R. Nagar taluk and she had come to her parents' house for Gowri-Ganesha festival.

A few days ago, Naveen had taken Sindhu to a hospital for check-up and had again left her in her parents' house. But a missing complaint was lodged stating that she went missing from the house on Aug. 28 midnight, according to Yelwal Police.

Those having any information about the missing woman may contact Yelwal Police on Ph: 0821-2402222 or 94808-05031.

In the second case, a 15-year-old girl, identified as Priyanka Parge, daughter of Tulajaram Shastry, residing near Abhishek Circle in Manchegowdanakoppal, has gone missing.

Sindhu *Priyanka*

On Sept. 3, when Priyanka's father and brother had been to Shivarampet and her mother was having her bath, Priyanka went missing, according to the complaint lodged by her father with Hebbal Police.

She is 4.3 ft. tall, speaks Kannada and Marathi and was wearing a red coloured chudidhar at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing girl may contact Hebbal Police on Ph: 0821-2418318 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Driving car alone; no need for face mask

New Delhi, Sept. 5- Are you driving a car alone? Are you doing exercise/ cycling alone? Then you need not wear a face mask. This is according to a new circular issued by the Union Health Ministry here yesterday.

However, if there is more than one person in a car and group of people are exercising then wearing a mask is mandatory to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

"In the last few days, people have gained awareness of the benefits of physical activities. We have seen people are doing cycling and exercise or jogging in groups. It is mandatory for people to wear masks and follow social distancing when they are in a group while exercising or jogging, so that they do not infect each other. If a person is cycling alone, then he/she does not require to wear a mask as there is no such direction from the Health Ministry," said Rajesh Bhushan, the Union Health Secretary.

UoM to give 4-acre plot to Kannada Classical Studies Centre

Mysuru, Sept. 5 (RK&SSV)- The Syndicate of the University of Mysore (UoM) has approved giving four-acre-land on the Manasagangothri campus for establishing the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK).

Currently, the Centre is functioning at the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL). With this, decks were cleared for setting up of the Centre which had been pending for many years. The 4-acre land was located behind the PG hostel in the Manasagangothri campus.

Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, UoM, said that following direction from the State Government, the Syndicate discussed the matter and agreed to give four-acre land to the Centre. Information regarding this will be communicated to the State Government. Besides, next course of action will be briefed to the CIIL authorities, he added.

Recently, Tourism and Kannada and Culture Minister C.T. Ravi had held a meeting in Bengaluru and had directed the Mysore University to give 10-acre of land on the foothills of the Chamundi Hill where the Varsity is planning for a second campus.

Release salary dues of lecturers in one installment

Mysuru, Sept. 5 (PM&SSV)- MLC Marithibbegowda has urged Higher Education Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan to release the pending salary of lecturers of polytechnic and engineering in one instalment.

In a press release here, he said that the salary of part-time and guest lecturers working in the Government Polytechnic and Engineering Colleges had not been released since last two years. This was causing hardship for them. Three letters to the authorities concerned had not yielded results. The Government had not paid the salary of lecturers of 44 Polytechnics since June this year. One month salary of February had been held back. The pending salary of all lecturers must be released in one instalment, he said.

The MLC said Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) has issued a circular on Mar. 20 for the release of salary on 5th of every month failing which action will be initiated. However, this direction had been totally neglected by Higher Education Department officials. Taking serious note of this, the Minister must issue direction to release the salary dues of lecturers without further delay.

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Teachers are always some who stand out, exhibit excellence, dedication and care. To name and describe a few who serve as such models and our teachers have given out their best in the recent results of PUC final exams and more so in the prevailing crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic providing online classes which we have not done before.

Mr. Gandhe Pitchaiah:

A teacher who positively affected student's attitude towards education is our college Mathematics senior most lecturer. Students fondly refer to him as Genius Pitchaiah. He challenged himself to conquer the subject and pursued Post Graduation in Mathematics from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi in the year 1997 and then on he never looked back. Maths is not a subject where all the students will be good at. Sri. Pitchaiah's zeal to empower students by turning math rules and formulas into chants bring joy into the study. With 20 years of experience working at different reputed corporate institutions, he has made Maths simple by giving students quicker ways to do problems. For visual learners, simple methods and unique strategies have helped students to be successful in KCET and JEE examinations. His attitude to give out the best of his services and help students makes him a pleasant person. He is the LIVING MATH TOOLBOX with great vision and insights.

Anuradha S:

Mrs. Anuradha S, the closest companion of students here at Daksha, Preethiya Amma is how she is being addressed by all the students. Being a native of Davangere she completed her MSc in Botany from the University of Mysuru. She has a rich teaching experience of more than 30 years and has worked at different colleges of Davangere, now settled in Mysuru. She creates an exciting and fun ambience in her class sessions. She moulds every student with short term goals adding on to achieve the broader objective of consistent and progressive improvements, leading to excellence. She exhibits expertise in the subject especially in the path of NEET examination, helps students gain new knowledge in an enthusiastic manner and instill hunger in them to learn more.

Shobha G N:

Mrs. Shobha is not only an excellent Accountancy professional but is akin to a sister, a friend and a cheerful student counsellor who gives her heart out to inspire the students of commerce. She has more than 10 years of experience and has basked in the glory by clearing NET & KSET examinations.

The subject of commerce has now received wide recognition and acceptability and hence is no more second to science subjects. As lecturer in the Commerce department she has the commendable qualities of integrity, moral values and possesses an urge to learning new trends of the subject. She uses variety of competent methods to evaluate pupils' progress and turn them into achievers in sands of time

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NEWS BRIEFS

Helpline for children

Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS), in association with the Department of Women and Child Development, has brought out a toll-free helpline number for tele-counselling children who are in distress, amidst the current COVID pandemic. Children with any such issues can call the Tele-counselling Helpline No: 14499 for guidance, according to a press release.

Training in Judicial Administration

Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible Law graduates belonging to Backward Classes for providing Judicial Administration training, for the year 2020-21. Candidates having Bachelor's Degree in Law (year of passing not earlier than two years) and having registered their names in Bar Council are eligible to apply. Last date to submit the application is Sept. 30. Interested can obtain the application from Backward Classes Welfare Department Office, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, Adipampa Road, Paduvarahalli, Mysuru. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2427140 or 2411113, according to a release.

Book release

Photographer Vishwanath Suvarna's book titled 'Golden Views of Karnataka Forts' will be released at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city tomorrow (Sept.6) at 10.30 am. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will launch the book online from the Mutt. District Minister S.T. Somashekar will release the book at Pathrakartara Bhavan. Journalist Ravindra Bhat will preside. Kavalu Pade State President M. Mohan Kumar Gowda, photojournalist S.R. Madhusudhan and Vishwanath Suvarna will be present on the occasion.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.15 ft
Yesterday	123.90 ft
Inflow	8,369 cusecs
Outflow	4,157 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,282.58 ft
Inflow	1,521 cusecs
Outflow	2,125 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.55 ft
Inflow	832 cusecs
Outflow	800 cusecs

Attempt to register property by forging signature

Three including husband of Town Municipal Council Member arrested

K.R. Nagar, Sept. 5 (KTR&KS)- K.R. Police have arrested three persons including the husband of Town Municipal Council Member for cheating and trying to register property by forging signatures.

Those arrested are K.M. Ramesh and his wife C. Rohini, residents of Srirama Layout in the town and Puttaswamy, husband of the Town Municipal Council Member, also a resident of the same Ward.

Details: On Sept. 3, K.M. Ramesh and his wife C. Rohini had gone to the Sub-Registrar's Office in the town to get their property registered which was in a joint khata.

When the Sub-Registrar was examining the khata extracts, he found some changes in the signature of the Chief Officer in the khata extract and immediately informed about it to Town Municipal Council Chief Officer K. Shivanna.

Shivanna, who examined the document, confirmed that it was the forged signature of Chief Officer Nagashetty, who had served in 2018 and lodged a complaint at the Town Police Station, urging for legal action.

Circle Inspector P.K. Raju, Sub-Inspector V. Chethan and staff, based on the complaint, arrested the accused and during interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of forging the signature. They (accused) were produced before a Court, who remanded them to judicial custody.

There were many complaints from the public that fake documents of properties in the Town Municipal Council limits were being created, khatas were being made and properties were being sold, which were also highlighted in the media. Now the accused have fallen in the net. Legal action would be taken and they would be sent to jail, irrespective of which political party they belong to. There is no compromise in it.

—S.T. Somashekar,
District in-Charge Minister

Double murder at Mandya

Sleeping labourers murdered at brick factory in Yaliyur

Mandya, Sept. 5 (Nagaiah& KS)- Two labourers were allegedly murdered while they were sleeping at a brick kiln in Yaliyur village in the taluk on Thursday night and the murders came to light the next day when the owner came to the kiln in the morning.

The deceased labourers are Basavaraju (44), a resident of Tadagawadi in Srirangapatna taluk and Ramamurthy (46), a resident of Maralakunte village in Nelamangala taluk.

One Cheluvaraju of Gutalu Layout in Mandya is running the kiln in the name of Maruthi Bricks at a farm near Yeliyur and the deceased, who were working in the brick kiln since about eight years, used to sleep at the kiln after their work.

On Thursday too, Basavaraju and Ramamurthy, after finishing their work slept at the kiln and when Cheluvaraju came the next day morning, he saw Basavaraju and Ramamurthy murdered and immediately informed the Police.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Parashuram, Dy.SP Naveen Kumar, Sub-Inspector Siddaraju and staff rushed to the spot and conducted preliminary investigation.

The Police suspect that the deceased may have consumed liquor along with others during which a fight may have taken place resulting in the murders.

The Cops said that information is being collected and the accused would be brought to book soon.

The bodies were later shifted to the District Hospital mortuary.

Mandya Rural Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating and have taken one person into custody and are interrogating him.

Land-loser farmers of KHB Layout near Yelwal to get sites

Madhuswamy

Bengaluru, Sept. 5 (KMS& DM)- The State Cabinet, which met here on Thursday, decided to allot sites to land-loser farmers who parted with their land for a residential layout to be developed by Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) near Yelwal on the outskirts of the city.

Speaking to press persons after the Cabinet meeting on Thursday, Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said that the land-loser farmers who had given away their land for KHB for Yelwal Layout, have been consistently demanding sites for them in the new layout, which is yet to be developed. The Government, conceding the demand, has now decided to allot one to five sites to every land-loser depending upon the area of land they have parted with for the KHB Layout, upon payment of the price stipulated by the KHB, he said.

Pointing out that the layout was planned when current Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda was the KHB Chairman over a decade ago, Madhuswamy said that the formation of the layout spurred the demand for land also in villages close to Yelwal.

Picture for representation only.

DETAILS

The current Housing Minister V. Somanna, who had also held the same portfolio in the earlier BJP Government over a decade ago, had then laid the foundation for the layout near Yelwal, which was named as KRS Nisarga Layout. Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, as the KHB Chairman then, had planned to form the layout in a total of 496 acres coming in Gunghral Chatra, Kallur Naganahalli Kaval, Chikkanahalli and Anandur village limits, all coming under Yelwal hobli.

Devegowda then had appealed Minister Somanna to allot sites for all land-loser farmers, when the Minister promised one site for every acre of land given by the farmers.

Thereafter, Devegowda, as the then KHB Chairman, had submitted a proposal to the Government for allotment of sites at a KHB meeting held on Feb. 14, 2013. But a couple of months later, the BJP Government was voted out of power in the 2013 Assembly polls, following which the proposal went into limbo. Also, the layout did not witness any further progress.

Now, with the return of the BJP Government and Somanna again becoming Housing Minister, the site allotment proposal got a revival, after G.T. Devegowda reminded Somanna of the promise given to farmers then.

Acting on the issue, Somanna at a KHB meeting held on Jan. 21, 2020, passed a resolution on allotting sites to land-loser farmers and sent it to the Government for Cabinet approval.

Now, the State Cabinet on Thursday, approved the KHB's resolution and decided to allot sites to all farmers who had parted with their land for the KHB Layout near Yelwal.

Following the Government approval, every farmer who parted with one acre of land will be given a 30'x40' site and those who have given away 10 to 20 Guntas of land, a 20'x30' site in the layout. Accordingly, land-loser farmers can get a 30'x40' site upon payment of just Rs. 1 lakh, the market value of which is nearly Rs. 12 lakh and a 20'x30' site for just Rs. 50,000, the market value of which is about Rs. 6 lakh.

Soon after the Cabinet approved allotment of sites to land-loser farmers, Chamundeshwari MLA and former Minister G.T. Devegowda thanked Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Housing Minister V. Somanna, District Minister S.T. Somashekar and all other members of the Cabinet for granting approval for allotment of sites.

MP Pratap Simha too thanked Housing Minister V. Somanna for getting Cabinet approval for allotment of sites to land-loser farmers for the KHB's ambitious KRS Nisarga Layout near Yelwal.

Maintaining that Somanna has shown his concern for the poor and the land-loser farmers, the MP said that he was once again thankful to the Housing Minister for coming to the aid of land-loser families, who had been demanding sites for long.

Dasara 2020: Upkeep of CCTVs on procession route taken up

Mysuru, Sept. 5 (RK&SSV)- The Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has taken up the upkeep of CCTV cameras installed on *Jamboo Savari* procession route, from Mysore Palace and Torchlight Parade Ground in the city ahead of Dasara festival.

The BEL has installed 59 high-definition CCTV cameras on thoroughfares and important junctions. The company would take up the maintenance regularly. Now that work has begun, over 10 to 15 non-working CCTVs were repaired or replaced with new parts.

The others that are working fine are being cleaned and dusted. However, the maintenance work has nothing to do with the upcoming Dasara festival following a big question over it due to COVID-19.

The CCTV cameras help capture traffic violations, help the Police to know in case of any law and order problems. The Control Room is located at the Office of the City Police Commissioner where live pictures and footages from the cameras are monitored by the Cops.

This would help them capture traffic violations by citizens and send challans to the offenders after collecting their details from RTO. Likewise, in the event of any law and order issue, the Cops in the control room could alert the jurisdictional Police Station to quickly reach the spot.

1 lakh traffic violation cases booked in August

Mysuru, Sept. 5 (RK&SSV)- Looks like people are not scared of COVID-19 anymore. The same people who observed maximum restraint during the initial days of lockdown till lockdown 3.0 are now moving freely on the roads as all the restrictions have been removed and even the bars, clubs and restaurants are allowed to serve liquor.

As such there is free movement of vehicles in the otherwise deserted roads during lockdown. But the city Police have not taken the free movement lightly and they have intensified traffic checks and are penalising the offenders.

As part of their normal routine, they are standing at vantage points and are catching offenders. The drive has been launched under the guidance of Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) S.N. Sandesh Kumar in the limits of V.V. Puram, Krishnaraja, Devaraja, Narasimharaja and Siddartha Traffic Police Stations.

The Traffic Cops are holding this drive at all traffic junctions and other places to mainly check the violations such as signal jumping, riding without helmet, use of mobile phones while driving and rash and negligent driving. The purpose of intensifying the drive is also to check accidents within the city limits and to ensure the smooth flow of traffic, said an officer.

Fine collection

In August, the traffic Police had booked 1,01,324 cases and collected a fine amount of Rs. 82,11,800 for a variety of traffic violations which included triple riding, riding without helmet, entering one-way, use of mobile phones while driving.

Out of the total 1.01 lakh cases, over 100 cases were pertaining to alteration of bike silencers which was causing public nuisance.

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Blocking Ambulance should be criminal offence?

A week ago, the city Police arrested a car driver for deliberately blocking the way of an ambulance carrying an aged person who suffered a heart attack. The patient, 85-year-old Chandrashekar Acharya, was being brought to Narayana Multispecialty Hospital in Mysuru when a Hyundai i20 car moving ahead of the ambulance started driving in a zigzag manner.

When the ambulance driver honked in panic, the car driver stopped his vehicle and parked it across the road, blocking the way. Even after the ambulance driver got down from the vehicle and told the car driver that he was carrying a heart-attack victim and it was an emergency, the car driver did not budge. And after arguing for 30 minutes when he did move his car, he continued to drive in front of the ambulance in an erratic manner.

Finally when the ambulance reached NH Hospital, Chandrashekar Acharya was declared brought dead. His family was informed that they had missed the Golden Hour, the critical period of one hour after an injury when a patient requires medical assistance to have a chance of survival. The death of Acharya was because of delay, caused by the arrogant and inhumane driver.

So, how was he punished? He was arrested and produced before a Court, which imposed a fine of Rs.11,000 and then let off with a warning!

A man is dead because of this driver and he was let off with a fine of Rs.11,000 and with a "stern" warning! The life of a man killed because of an arrogant driver, who delayed an ambulance with full knowledge that there was a patient inside the ambulance, is cheaper than the offence of overloading a goods auto? The fine for overloading is 20,000! But you kill a man by delaying his medical need you can go home after paying a fine of Rs. 11,000!

This was an opportunity to make an example and put fear among people who block ambulances and race behind them. But alas!

The IPC Sections under which this driver was booked carries an imprisonment of six months, but alas.

We wonder if the family will go in an appeal. It also makes us wonder if the car driver would have been let off if he had caused the death of a VIP? No way. The reaction is always different when it happens to your own.

This reminds me of two incidents. First, when mosquitoes infested Delhi High Court premises, in spite of many requests the PWD did nothing to control the menace. Then five judges fell ill. Then Lo and behold, the Indian Penal Code 303(A) which says: "Whoever causes the death of any person by doing any rash or negligent act not amounting to culpable homicide, shall be punished with imprisonment or fine or both," was applied on PWD engineer in-charge. The Delhi Court said that the PWD engineer in-charge remained negligent in discharging his official duty and did not prevent breeding of Aedes mosquitoes in the District Court Complex. So, yes, serious action was taken when Judges fell ill.

Then, in a second incident, a few years ago, the Mysore-Ooty Road near the Gun House Circle was dug up and a huge crater was left uncovered, posing a traffic hazard. Two motorists fell into it and one child was hospitalised. Many small accidents continued and numerous requests were made by the public to the Engineer in-charge to close the death trap. But the Engineer did not respond. Then one day his own son fell into it with his motorcycle and died. The crater was closed immediately.

Unfortunately, we tend to respond only to extremes and continue to be only reactive. We forget to make examples when we have the opportunity. We miss the chance to send a strong message, to irresponsible members of our society who put others' life at risk.

No wonder, the injured in the violent clashes in Northeast Delhi were ferried to hospitals on bikes and vans as protestors were blocking ambulances and other vehicles from entering the areas. Even in Mysuru just last year when an overzealous Police towed students' vehicles, a bunch of students blocked a major State Highway and an ambulance that came from Hunsur could not pass through. All this just because 13 bikes were towed away! Couldn't they have simply protested in front of the Police Station? Even worse, some of the students were grinning as they protested like it was a funny event.

For now it only seems that for every regression there is no repercussion. Only a price to pay. And the price for blocking an ambulance and taking a life is just Rs. 11,000 and Oh! a "stern" warning.

P.S.: *May be it's time to change this 'blocking ambulance' law. May be another clause should be added that states that "intentional blocking of ambulance leading to death, is culpable homicide not amounting to murder."*

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Minister lauds teachers for working during COVID-19

Teachers felicitated on the occasion of Teachers' Day in city this morning are seen with District in-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar, MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, MLC Marithibbegowda and other dignitaries.

Mysuru, Sept.5 (RKB&SSV)- Co-Operation and District in-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar inaugurated Teachers' Day celebration organised jointly by Zilla Panchayat and the Department of Public Instructions at a programme held at Teresian College in city this morning. Teachers' Day is celebrated to coincide with the birth anniversary of former President Dr. S. Radhakrishnan.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister remembered the contributions of Dr. Radhakrishnan and called upon the teachers to emulate him. "Teaching profession is very noble as it will carve out the future of students. Education is very important to drive away darkness from society. It was heartening to note that thousands of teachers were imparting education to lakh of students under the 'Vidyagama' scheme, a Government of Karnataka scheme which is also called Learning Enhancement Programme, in view of COVID-19 crisis," he said

Somashekar complimented teachers for successfully conducting of SSLC and PU examination amidst Corona crisis and said they drew the attention of the entire by actively involving in the examination duty and also for carrying out the evaluation of answer scripts. There is a big responsibility on the shoulders of teachers to mould the kids as responsible and useful citizens of the nation. "My big salute to all teachers for your self-less service to the society," The Minister said.

MLC Marithibbegowda compared teachers to Corona Warriors and thanked them for their active participation in 'Vidyagama' scheme. The success of this scheme will go to teachers for their active involvement. It has come to his notice that teachers are not allowed in many villages by people fearing COVID-19. The Corona situation is expected to become normal in next two to three months, he added.

He said Karnataka has taken a bold step to implement National Education Policy aimed at overhauling the current education system. By doing it, Karnataka will become the first State in the country to embrace this new policy.

On the occasion, the Minister felicitated a number of teachers in recognition of their services.

MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, MLC Marithibbegowda, Mayor Tasneem, ZP President Parimala Shyam, Deputy Commissioner B. Sharat, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, BEO Udayakumar, DDPI Panduranga and others were present.

Dedicated cycle lanes

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There is a dedicated bicycle lane on Narasimharaja Boulevard near Administrative Training Institute that is used by cyclists. The lane is also used by horse trainers to walk their animals.

The project of dedicated cycle lanes was mooted in 2012 where it was decided that three to five feet of roads would be dedicated exclusively for cyclists and the lane would be painted yellow. Some roads including a part of JLB Road, Sayyaji Rao Road and Mysuru–Bengaluru Road were picked for the project. Krishnaraja Boulevard too was identified as an ideal place for lanes.

'Trin Trin' project

'Trin Trin,' the Public Bicycle Sharing (PBS) system of Mysuru completed three years on June 4 this year. 'Trin Trin' was launched on June 4, 2017 by the then Chief Minister Siddharamaiah. The system was established by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in association with the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT). City-based 'Green Wheel Ride' has got the tender of managing the PBS system.

There are over 52 docking stations that provide over 450 bicycles including 30 gear cycles. Cycles are borrowed from the docking stations more than 1,000 times each day. Riders can take bicycle from any docking station and park the bicycle in any nearest docking station. In Mysuru, there are more than 14,000 members registered under this system.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that the Late Shri. Rahul Kumar, son of Shri. Vijay Kumar Singh and Smt. Beena Kumari, residing at #09, Siddeshwar Park, Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation, Dharwad, Karnataka-580025, at the time of his death, was a Promoter-Director of "M/s. MAGVEH Energy Recovery Systems Private Limited", wherein he had invested Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only), in the form of "Share Capital", having purchased 200 Equity Shares of Face value of Rs. 100/- per Share, of the said Company (Which is more-fully described in the Schedule hereunder and herein after referred to as the "Schedule Property)".

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By Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy, former Head,
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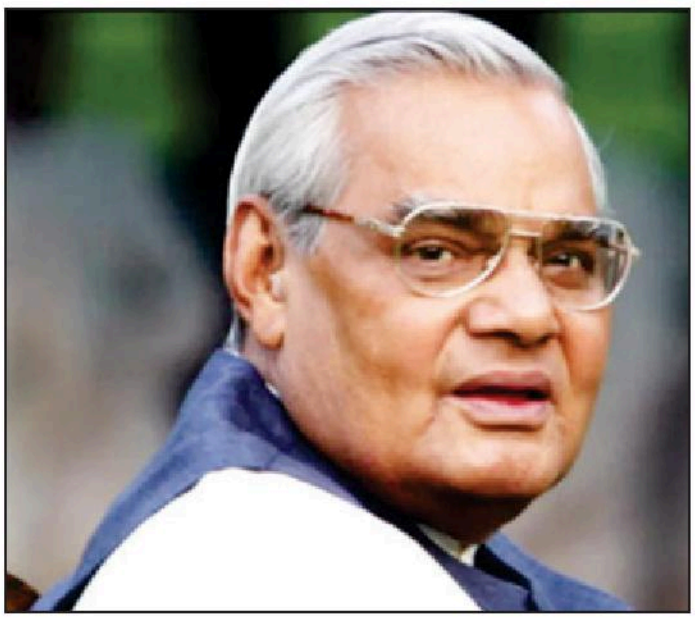
Homage to Atal Bihari Vajpayee



It was my good fortune to have met Vajpayee twice in New Delhi. He had not yet become the Prime Minister but was an MP. My first meeting with him was formal and not important. The second meeting was important. Swaraj Prakash Gupta, who founded the Indian History and Culture Society, was its Chairman also. I was entrusted with the responsibility of looking into the affairs of the Society in South India. This Society had arranged a conference in which Atalji, P.C. Chandar, Dr. B.N. Puri, Awadh Kishore Narayan and I took part.

I was the chairman of one of the sessions of this conference. It was to discuss the problems of Indian administration. Atalji had to speak on Kautilya's Arthashastra. Due to some other programme, Atalji could not attend that session. But he attended the dinner. On that occasion, Gupta introduced me as a student of the famous South Indian scholar Prof. K.A. Nilakantha Shastry.

We were worried on why Atalji did not attend the session. Atalji, who was there, said that "I had prepared a research paper on Kautilya's Arthashastra. But I learnt that a scholar Dr. Murthy from Mysore will preside over this session. I was scared of participating in this session." Everybody had a hearty laugh. I felt happy and at the same time, I thought my responsibility has increased.

The present generation may know that Atalji was a Prime Minister of India. But many people may not know his greatness and more than that the poems he wrote. He was a great Parliamentarian besides being an orator. Whenever he spoke in Parliament, there used to be complete silence and other MPs were eager to hear his speech.

He was respected by all because of his sense of humour, generous personality and his impeccable behaviour. Atalji was born on 25.12.1924 in Gwalior. His father was Krishna Bihari Vajpayee while his mother was Krishnadevi. His early education took place in Victoria College at Gwalior and DAV College at Kanpur. He obtained M.A. degree in political science. In 1942 he took active part in 'Chalejao' Movement against the British Government. He was arrested and jailed. He later took interest in RSS.

By about 1951, he entered into active politics. He also played an active role in the establishment of Jan Sangh. He played an active role as leader of Jana Sangh from 1955 to 1977. He was elected as MP for five times from Lucknow, Uttara Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi. During the eleventh Parliament he was the Opposition leader and was the Minister for Foreign Affairs (1977-79) during the rule of Morarji Desai. His contribution was the restoration of relation with China.

He served three terms as the Prime Minister, first for a term of 13 days in 1996, then for a period of 13 months from 1998 to 1999, followed by a full term from 1999 to 2004.

Additionally, Atalji found time to take interest in social and cultural activities. He was also a good writer in Hindi. As a journalist he edited 'Rashtradharma', 'Panchajanya', 'Swadeshi' and 'Arjun' and got a good name.

He has also published books such as 'Meri Ikhyavan' Kavitaye', 'Sankalpa Kala', 'Sakteese Shanti', 'Loksabhame' Atalji' and 'Mrityuyahatya. When he was in the prison he wrote 'Kaidi Kaviraj ki Kundaliya'. His publication in three volumes is titled 'Four Decades in Parliament' in English.

As Prime Minister, Vajpayee gave permission to test nuclear bomb. As such, India entered the elite league of countries to produce nuclear weapons. But he said "it is not for destruction but for experiment only" because he was against killing innocent people.

The relation between India and Pakistan were not good and Atalji thought of arranging a bus service between India and Pakistan. During his period, GDP rose to 5.8 and this is by any means no mean achievement.

Atalji had great faith in Gandhiji's methods of working. He had realised that unless villages, States and India co-operated in this endeavour, nobody, no State nor India can be happy. Hence Atalji took care to see that the economic conditions of the villagers were improved. And he worked towards it.

His ambition was that India should be self-supporting without waiting for any foreign help. During the Independence Day speech from the Red fort he said, "I have a dream of great India in which nobody should die of starvation and be free from poverty." On hearing this, people there gave a standing ovation. He continued and said, "Nobody in this country should be illiterate."

In 1992 he was awarded the coveted Padma Bhushan. The administration of Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared in 2014 that Vajpayee's birthday, Dec. 25, would be marked as Good Governance Day. In 2015, he was conferred India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna. He passed away on 16.08.2018. Many people felt that this is the end of a Golden Era.

Vajpayee was referred to as the Bhishma Pitamaha of Indian politics by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during a speech in the Rajya Sabha, a reference to the character in the Hindu epic Mahabharata who was held in respect by two warring sides.

Advocate demands revocation of Prashanth Kumar Mishra's transfer

Chidananda

Mysuru, Sept. 5 (RKB&DM)- Alleging a larger plot in the shunting out of Mysuru ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra, who was transferred following the row over the suicidal death of Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr.S.R. Nagendra a fortnight ago, city-based Advocate Chidananda has urged the Government to revoke Mishra's transfer order immediately and reinstate him as Mysuru ZP CEO.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, Chidananda said that he was sorry for the demise of THO Dr. Nagendra. But the happenings that followed after his death and the subsequent transfer of Mishra reeks of politics, he alleged. Maintaining that the FIR lodged in respect of THO Dr. Nagendra's death said that the Doctor had appealed the DC, DHO, ZP CEO and Tahsildar for providing facilities to Nanjangud Hospital and there was no action on his appeal, he said that only the then ZP CEO Mishra was unfairly targeted by the Government, which transferred him without bothering to ascertain all the facts.

Reiterating that there is a larger plot and politics behind the transfer of Mishra, who worked tirelessly for stopping the spread of the deadly COVID-19, he asserted that Mishra was not responsible for the death of Dr. Nagendra, who he said had taken an unnecessary and hasty step.

Claiming that Mishra was an honest officer with humanistic values and concerns, Chidananda demanded the Government to revoke the transfer Order at once and re-instate Mishra as Mysuru ZP CEO for the sake of the people of Mysuru, who are eagerly awaiting his continued service.

Education loans under Arivu scheme

Mysuru, Sept. 5- Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation has invited applications for distribution of financial assistance to students (belonging to religious minority community including Muslim, Christian, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikh, Parsis and Anglo Indians) seeking admission to BE, Medical, Dental, Veterinary, BSc Agriculture and other professional courses through CET/NEET, under Arivu Education Loan Scheme, for the year 2020-21.

Candidates should submit the online application through the official website *kmdc.kar.nic.in/arivu2*. Loan amount sanctioned by the Corporation will be sanctioned to minority students and later will be credited directly to the colleges to which the students have opted to study. Candidates should submit the print out of the filled application along with the QR code and also caste and income certificates, SSLC and PUC marks cards, Aadhaar card, five photos, copies of CET hall ticket and indemnity bond attested by a Notary to the Office of Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation, K.R. Mohalla before Sept. 18. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2430080.

Child adoption process: AIR to broadcast 'CARA Asare'

Mysuru, Sept. 5- In an effort to share all necessary information related to child adoption process by interested couples and general public, Mysuru District Child Protection Unit of Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) in association with the Department of Women and Child Development is broadcasting a series programme titled 'CARA Asare' on All India Radio. Interested couples and general public are requested to listen to the 'CARA Asare' programme at 7.15 am on All India Radio - Mysuru, 8.45 am on Vividh Bharathi and 9.20 am on FM Rainbow on Sept. 17, Oct. 1 and Oct. 25.

Post-Matric Scholarship

Mysuru, Sept. 5-The Department of Social Welfare has invited applications from SC students who have secured first class in the following exams in their first attempt (2019-20) to distribute scholarships.

Scholarship of Rs. 20,000 will be given to those who have secured first class in second PUC or 3-year Polytechnic, Diploma, Rs. 25,000 for Graduate students, Rs. 30,000 for Post-Graduate students and Rs. 35,000 for Agriculture, Engineering, Veterinary Sciences and Medical students.

Interested candidates may download the application from the department's website – *www.sw.kar.nic.in* and submit the filled-in application along with relevant documents before Nov. 30 or at the Office of Assistant Director of Social Welfare or Social Welfare Department Office.

Minister flags off Animal Ambulance in city

Mysuru, Sept. 5 (RKB&SSV)- Co-Operation and District-in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar flagged off an animal ambulance in the city this morning. The State Government was providing such ambulances to all districts for treatment of animals. The ambulance consists of a surgery unit, laboratory, scanning devices, a water tank with 250 litres capacity, operation table weighing 200 kg, air conditioning facility, seating capacity for the veterinarian and staff, wash basin and a cupboard to keep the medical kit.

The ambulances for animals are provided on the lines of vehicles for humans under the Health and Family Welfare Department. These ambulances will be of great help in the event of referral cases which cannot be attended by local veterinarians. If it is an accident case or an emergency or an operation and beyond the capacity of a local vet, the ambulance is provided with expert veterinary care and necessary equipment.

On receiving a call from people in need of medical attention for their animals, an expert vet, staff and equipment available in the ambulance, will rush to the spot to treat the animal. Importantly, the ambulance is also equipped with an operation theatre for small animals. However, the ambulance facility is only available for domestic animals and not wild ones which have the entire Forest Department to care for them. Cattle, sheep, goats, dogs and other domestic animals will benefit.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra and others were present.

'Bommanahalliya Kindarijogi' Gets nod for screening at educational institutions

Bengaluru, Sept. 5- Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar has given permission for the screening of *Bommanahalliya Kindarijogi*, a popular Kannada drama which has been filmed by Mysuru Rangayana, at all educational institutions in the State.

This permission came after Addanda C. Cariappa, Rangayana Director, met the Minister in Bengaluru on Aug.31 and had appealed him to allow screening of the play that was brought in dialogue format by the artistes.

This will be in accordance with the recently announced National Education Policy (NEP) by the Central Government.

"There is lot of similarity between the play and the current situation. While a character called *Kindarijogi* helps Bommanahalli village to get rid of the rat menace, now the Corona Warriors are striving to do away with COVID-19 pandemic which has gripped the entire world," he added.

Ayurveda garden planned at Freedom Fighters' Park

Mysuru, Sept. 5 (RKB&SSV)- A meeting was held at the office of Mysuru District and City Freedom Fighters' Association, in the premises of Freedom Fighters' Park, Subbarayanakere, here yesterday to condole the death of Association President Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy, who passed away in city on Aug. 21.

Speaking at the programme, Corporator Pramila Bharat said that Dr. Krishnamurthy was a practicing Ayurveda Doctor and known for simplicity. He wanted to raise Ayurveda medicinal plants garden at Freedom Fighters' Park and that wish will be fulfilled by raising the garden in a portion of the Park.

Veteran freedom fighter and Association Vice-President Y.C. Revanna recalled his close association with Dr. Krishnamurthy during the Freedom Struggle and also his achievement as the Assn. President for eight years.

Freedom Fighters Somashekar, Rangashetty, M.B. Lingaiah, Nagaratnamma, Premavati, Sunandamma and Association Hon. Secretary Prof. H.S. Ashwathnarayan were present.

Obituary

Maneyapanda C. Belliappa

Mysuru, Sept. 5- Maneyapanda C. Belliappa (Bollu), a coffee planter and a resident of Balaji in Gonikoppal, passed away last evening at a private hospital in city. He was 78. He leaves behind his wife Revathy (Kollera), daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, sister, brother and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar here this morning.

Sunandamma

Chamarajanagar: Sunandamma (65), wife of late R.S. Naganna and a resident of Ramasamudra, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in Mysuru. She leaves behind two sons including *Mysuru Mithra* Chamarajanagar district reporter Siddalingaswamy and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Ramasamudra today.

Nagarathna

Nanjangud: Nagarathna (70), wife of retired Head Master and President of Brahmin Welfare Association and a resident of Kempegowda Layout, passed away on Thursday night following a heart attack. She leaves behind three sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed near Hadinaaru Kaalu Mantapa on he Banks of River Kapila on the same day.

'Indian is seen as a tolerant Indian rather than a violent Indian'

Indian Ambassador to The Netherlands Venu Rajamony dwells on Indian-ness at Mysuru Literature Festival 2020

Mysuru, Sept. 5 (BCT)- India has a potential to grow and conscious efforts to label the country as a Super Power is not proper as India has still a long way to go, said Indian Ambassador to The Netherlands Venu Rajamony.

He was speaking at a session on 'Turning Diplomatic Experience into Chronicles,' as part of Mysuru Literature Festival 2020, hosted by Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs - 2015, on the seventh day, last evening.

The session was moderated by Co-Founder and Director of Takshashila Institution Nitin Pai and Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust Chairperson Shubha Sanjay Urs was present.

"India should be an argumentative nation but not a violent one. To be a Super Power, we need to eliminate poverty and every citizen must have access to good healthcare and education. Our economy must be a true success story. More importantly, we must live in harmony within diversity," he said.

He was cautious to note that world sees India as an under-performer. "We haven't performed to the full extent of our abilities and there is much to be done. There are many who come and tell me that India must be a Super Power. I disagree with them and conscious effort to be labelled as Super Power. Our economic story must be a true success story by removing poverty," he said.

"The prestige and respect of India is steadily rising across the world. Our success as a democracy, on our economy, extraordinary human resources, people who have gone abroad have done exceedingly well. There is also the popularity of Yoga, music, Indian writers, food, soft power is also slowly permeating more areas of the world, have all added to our country's prestige and respect," he said.

He stressed that we should be an argumentative Indian than a violent one especially in the land of Buddha and Mahatma. An Indian is seen as a tolerant Indian rather than a violent Indian, he added.

Right to expression

Dwelling on right to expression that has been enshrined in the Indian Constitution, the diplomat said that the right safeguards democracy. "India is a great democracy. We have a free press; everything can be criticised. Our Constitution is one of the best in the world. It offers protection to minorities. People can go to court. No one should dilute or snatch away the right to express or speak his/ her opinion. Opinions and views make a democracy more vibrant. Action must be taken on people who burn books and any attempt to curtail freedom of speech must be opposed," he opined.

The diplomat, during the course of the session, recalled his visits to Mysuru and mentioned the beauty of Brindavan Gardens, Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple that resembles Sri Ananthapadmanabhaswamy Temple in his home town of Thiruvananthapuram.

Pandemic and literature

On COVID-19, Rajamony said that he was a victim of the pandemic as two of his books could not be published.

"The pandemic world over has affected the publishing industry as well as writers. It is important to stand up and support both of them and in my view the Mysuru Literature Festival is doing this by organising the festival and lending support. I would urge citizens to support every literature festival and all aspects of the book industry," he said.

Revealing how his book *'What we can learn from Dutch'* which was about water management and to be released in Kerala received a setback as the publishers had faith in the book to do well, he said.

The second book was *'India and Netherlands,'* which was ready to be translated into Malayalam and had to be put on backburner which was again a personal disappointment for him. "However, more important than this personal disappointment was as livelihoods are at stake we have to stand up and be counted in supporting people in distress," said Rajamony.

Gift books, not souvenirs

Stressing on the importance of gifting books instead of useless souvenirs, he called upon the people to make gifting books a habit instead of giving flowers and fruits. However, he noted that some people are giving plants, which was much better practice.

Disclosing how difficult it is to become a writer as he himself struggles a lot to write with many corrections and drafts, he said as one of the writers put it, earning a living as a writer is most difficult with the possible exception of wrestling with an alligator.

SESSION WITH AMISH TRIPATHI TODAY

Author, columnist and diplomat **Amish Tripathi** will be on the panel *'Suheldev - Silent Hero of History'* at 7 pm today. Author and columnist **Shobha Narayan** will moderate the session.

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Organisations stage protests for fulfilment of various demands

Mysuru, Sept. 5 (PM&KS)- All India Democratic Youth Organisation (AIDYO), Karnataka Pranthya Raitha Sangha and Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) staged separate protest near the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) here this morning, urging the Government for fulfilment of their various demands.

In the first protest, members of AIDYO, condemning the lathicharge on youth by the Police at Madhya Pradesh, staged a protest near the DC's Office.

The protesters demanded those responsible for the lathi charge be arrested immediately and the false cases registered against them be withdrawn; announce the results of SSC, Teachers, Railway and Police recruitment exam results among other demands.

District Secretary T.R. Sunil, Anil, Anand, Rehman, Somanna and others took part in the protest.

COVID relief for poor families sought

In the second protest, members of Karnataka Pranthya Raitha Sangha and CITU staged a protest urging for COVID relief for poor families.

The protesters demanded free COVID treatment, Rs. 7,500 as COVID relief to poor families for six months and 10 kg rice to each member of a family for six months. They also urged to withdraw amendments to Labour Laws and Land Reforms Act.

Karnataka Pranthya Raitha Sangha District President Chikkannegowda, CITU District President N.K. Balaji Rao, Chandrashekar, Bharath, Siddaiah and others were present during the protest.

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Damaged direction board at Basaveshwara Circle

A direction board attached to the signal lights at Basaveshwara Traffic Signal Lights Circle at the entrance of Chamaraja Double Road is broken and hanging dangerously. Even a small velocity wind could bring down this board on motorists which may result in severe injuries or it could be a fatal one. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the direction board repaired at the earliest before any untoward incidents take place.

Nine-month-old work yet to be completed at Vidyaranyapuram

The trench dug up to lay new UGD pipeline near the 26th Cross of the 4th Main Road in Vidyaranyapuram nine months ago has been covered but is not asphalted causing problems to the public, especially motorists. Small jelly stones are getting scattered on the road and dust particles are spreading in the air as vehicles pass by. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the dug up portion of the road asphalted at the earliest for the benefit of public.

Lying vacant for years, MUDA Mini Markets become haven for drunkards

By Mohan Kayaka

Mysuru, Sept. 5- With hardly any vegetable sellers and buyers seen at the Mini Vegetable Markets (Raitha Santhe) built by MUDA across the city, these markets have turned into a haven for drunkards and others who indulge in illegal activities, thus becoming an eyesore for the public.

MUDA had built more than ten Mini Vegetable Markets various places including Ramakrishnanagar I Block, Kalyangirinagar, Sharadadevinagar and Subramanyanagar in Hebbal third stage, each costing lakhs of rupees, for the benefit of vegetable growers and sellers. But barring a couple of markets, which have been functioning, others have turned into hotspots for illegal activities.

Although the vegetable and fruit markets were built by MUDA, the very purpose seems to have been defeated as many have been left idle, with miscreants taking advantage of it and turning them into hotspots for alcohol consumption and illegal activities. Thanks to the apathy of MUDA, some of the markets have turned into a dilapidated and deplorable state due to poor maintenance over the years.

With most of these markets left idle, drunkards have been using them the most as can be seen with empty and broken liquor bottles lying scattered everywhere in and around the markets. Also, bushes, weeds and plants have occupied the ground space in these markets, thus presenting a picture of utter negligence on the part of the authorities.

Devaraja Market Tenants Association President S. Mahadev blamed the MUDA for failing to carry out publicity for the markets built by it. Noting that although MUDA made several attempts to utilise the markets, its efforts have failed for want of vegetable sellers and buyers, he attributed the sorry state of MUDA markets due to poor publicity and population outreach.

Pointing out that hundreds of fruit and vegetable vendors from villages around the city dot the space around Devaraja Market for carrying out their business, Mahadev said that the MUDA authorities can provide a vending space for roadside sellers and pushcart vendors at these markets, which have a vast space and protection from the vagaries of nature.

This move will largely help in stopping encroachments of footpaths and other public spaces by vendors and also de-congest the space around Devaraja Market and Dufferin Clock Tower in the heart of the city, he added.

Siddu, a vegetable seller said that people are very familiar with Devaraja, Agrahara, Mandi and M.G. Road Markets and most of them do not know that Mini Vegetable Markets built by MUDA at different places in the city do exist.

The MUDA must take measures for popularising these mini-markets and allow small vendors and traders to carry out business from there and thus serve the very purpose for which they were built.

Meanwhile, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh said that all the Mini-markets built by the MUDA will be inspected shortly for carrying out a study on their present status. Stating that MUDA is mulling on allowing the markets for free to vegetable and fruit farmers, he said that MUDA will take all measures for popularising these markets while also making appropriate use of them.

VIRTUAL EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 5)

Higher Education Skill Development and Research Centre, Mysuru: 4th Foundation Day and Teachers Day, Panel Discussion on 'New Education Policy 2020: Challenges and Opportunities for Higher Education - Technical and Health Sciences,' launch and demo of 'SvaKaushalya Vruddhi (Self Skill Development)' - Online Asynchronous Self Directed Learning Platform, former VTU VC Dr. H.P. Khincha, JSS AHER Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh, Adichunchanagiri University VC Dr. S. Chandrashekar Shetty and RGUHS VC Dr. S. Sachidanand panellists, former JSSTU VC Dr. B.G. Sangameshwar, former Addl. Secretary of Medical Council of India-New Delhi Dr. P. Prsannaraj and HESDAR Centre Founder and CEO Dr. B.G. Nagavi moderators *[Zoom ID:6866110900]*, ***5 pm.***

Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015: 4th Edition of Mysuru Literature Festival (A Virtual Series), keynote address by **Amish Tripathi,** Director of the Nehru Centre in London and a columnist, and author; **Shobha Narayan,** memoir writer and columnist, will be in conversation *[www.youtube.com/c/MysuruLiteratureFestival]*, **7 pm.**

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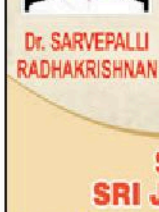

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